

MAY FIGHT FOR

SECOND PLACE.

**All Populist Delegates Do Not
Favor Abandoning the
Office.**

ADLAI STEVENSON SUGGESTED.

**New York Men Urge Sulzer, but
Towne Has the Lead—Har-
monizing Influences at
Work.**

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., May 8.—The increase of delegates and the approach to the time of calling the National Populist Convention to order served to accentuate the differences of opinion among the delegates as to the policy to be pursued with reference

the nomination of a candidate for the presidency. The delegates to the convention were more evasive than this is practically the only question which the convention will have to decide.

Thomas M. Patterson of the Colorado delegation is a strong supporter of the proposition to name a committee of conference and not to name a vice presidential candidate. He is an experienced and tactful parliamentarian and will bring much strength to the committee. The convention should be opened up in the convention. The Colorado delegation, numbering thirty-eight members, held a meeting day and unanimously decided to stand out for the proposition.

Townes' Friends Active.

Butler and Pettengrew are unquestionably setting their own precedents as well as those of Townes and which they appreciate that there are still many obstacles to overcome, they express themselves in private conversation as being more than ready to show the way showing the way the wind blows. It was found in a vote which was taken on the Colorado delegation that the delegates were divided. Two cars containing sixty-eight delegates were canvassed and of the sixty-eight votes cast, fifty-eight were favorable to Townes.

There are among these who believe in the

There is also present a gentleman from New York, who is circulating very industriously

Mr. Sulzer is in accord with many of the Populist views, and eloquently pleads the cause of his champion.

The friends of Mr. Stevenson call attention to the fact that he has not only once been elected Vice President, but that he has also made a record as a greenbacker.

Some of the delegates, notably those from Nebraska and Missouri, are advancing the idea that the convention as a whole should adjourn after convening to meet in Kansas City, where the Democratic National Convention is to be held.

The delegates have not yet reached the point where they will vote for or against a vice presidential nomination, but there

It is already apparent that the attendance at the convention will not be as large as expected.

Chairman Butler expresses the opinion that all the States and Territories will be represented, except Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

There is probably some contest over the position of national chairman. State Chairman Edmiston of Nebraska is an excellent speaker and organizer, and the parent has the support of Nebraska's

The National Committee met to-night and, after a brief session, decided that P. H. Kindred of Minnesota should act as secretary, E. M. Bray of Oklahoma as secretary, and Eugene Smith of Illinois and Leo Vincent of Missouri as alternate secretaries.

The committee then went over the lists of the State delegates and raised, in several instances, the number of delegates. The most notable increase was the

**MIDROADERS MEET TO LAY-
Cincinnati Convention Will Cost the
Party Only \$500**
Cincinnati, May 14.—At a protracted
meeting to-night of the National Committee
of the Middle-of-the-Road Populists
plans were perfected for the routine busi-
ness of the National Convention which will
be called to order in Bowling Green, Ohio
at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.
Former Congressman Howard of Alabama
recommended to the convention for tempo-

ry chairman. After the appointment of the Credentials Committee, the convention opened with a prayer by Rev. Dr. W. H. "Doc" Smith. This will be for the benefit of the members of the committee on Resolutions, who will be asked to rise and deliver either an expression of opinion on the part of every State represented before the resolution committee goes into action. It is probable that the speaking will be continued at the night session, so that Thursday morning the resolutions committee will remain in session, that nominations will then be taken up.

Ignatius Donnelly's boom for the presidency is not the only thing that has recently appeared this evening, but there was little mention of a candidate for Vice President. Ignatius Donnelly should be selected for first place.

Secretary Parker's report in the matter of expenses was an astonishing document. It was a record of the most extravagant Middle-of-the-Road Convention, which has been carried on since the split at Lincoln. This sum includes all the expenses of the convention in this city and showed the extravagance of the party in the proportion of its size in the history of the country.

On the matter of platform, it is believed that the declaration was largely on the following lines: Favoring the tariff and referendum; Government paper money; Government ownership of railroads and telegraphs; Government ownership of mines; highly restrictive legislation against trusts; an elective judiciary of short tenure; a graduated income tax; and the settlement of disputes and graduated income tax. On the

Expansion question, it is not believed that the convention will make any change. The Omaha platform will be reaffirmed in every respect.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT DISPUTE.

Democratic State Committee Will Consider It To-morrow.

The Democratic State Committee will meet in St. Louis to-morrow for the purpose of settling the differences in the Thirteenth Congressional District. Some time ago the Congressmen of this District decided to hold primary elections to select delegates to the convention to nominate a member of Congress. Subsequently, several members of the committee resigned and rescinded the former order of the commit-

Mr. Ewell, chairman of the committee, wrote a letter to Chairman Cook of the State Committee, asking that the State Committee settle the controversy. The State Committee will meet at the Planters Hotel.

Paul B. Moore, member of the State Committee from the Fourteenth District, arrived in St. Louis last night. He was the first member to arrive. The rest are expected by to-night.